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The General Assembly,

Reaffirming its previous resolutions on the Joint Inspection Unit, in particular resolutions 31/192 of 22 December 1976, 50/233 of 7 June 1996, 54/16 of 29 October 1999, 55/230 of 23 December 2000, 56/245 of 24 December 2001, 57/284 A and B of 20 December 2002, 58/286 of 8 April 2004, 59/267 of 23 December 2004, 60/258 of 8 May 2006, 61/238 of 22 December 2006 and 61/260 of 4 April 2007,

Having considered the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit on its activities contained in Chapter I of its report,[1]

1. *Recalls* its resolution 61/260 of 4 April 2007;

2. *Takes note* with appreciation of the annual report of the Joint Inspection Unit;[1]

3. *Welcomes* the change in the Unit's annual planning process and notes with appreciation the positive impact that it has had on coordination with other United Nations oversight bodies;

4. *Encourages* the Unit, in the ongoing implementation of its mandate, to continue to coordinate with the Board of Auditors and the Office of Internal Oversight Services to maximize the use of resources and share experiences, knowledge, best practices and lessons learned;

5. *Looks forward* to considering the Report of the Joint Inspection Unit for 2007 and programme of work for 2008 at its first resumed sixty-second session;

6. *Emphasizes* the importance of full and timely implementation of oversight recommendations and requests the executive heads of the participating

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Sixty-second Session, Supplement No. 34* (A/62/34).

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organizations to take the steps necessary to improve the implementation rates of the Unit's recommendations and invites the legislative organs concerned to consider and take action in that regard;

7. *Urges* the Unit, as the only system-wide external oversight body, to continue to focus primarily its work and reports, whenever possible, on issues of system-wide interest, value and relevance to the efficient and effective functioning of all organizations to which the Unit provides services;

8. *Notes with appreciation* the information presented in the annual report concerning the expected savings as a result of the Unit's recommendations.